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Bhutan deposits its Instrument of Acceptance to the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change 2015 Treaty Event, United Nations Headquarters, New York 28 September 2015.

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1. Foreign Minister, Lyonpo Damcho Dorji, deposited Bhutan's *Instrument of Acceptance to the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol* on 28th September 2015. The Instrument of Acceptance was deposited with the United Nations Secretary-General during the Annual Treaty Event held on the sidelines of the 70th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York. This represents a strong affirmation of Bhutan's commitment to conservation and preservation of the environment.
2. The Kyoto Protocol is an international agreement under the UNFCCC, which commits Parties to internationally binding emission (GHG) reduction targets. Bhutan signed the Kyoto Protocol in 1997 and submitted its Instrument of Acceptance on 26 August 2002.
3. The Doha Amendment to the KP establishes a second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol from 2013-2020, the first commitment period having expired in 2012. The second commitment period (8 years) aims to reduce GHG emissions by 18% below 1990 levels. As of 28 September 2015, 45 Parties have submitted their Instruments of Acceptance. A total of 144 ratifications are required for entry into force.
4. The Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol was ratified by the Fourth Session of the National Assembly and the Fifteenth Session of the National Council this year.

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